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I would ask that that amendment which is pending be adopted. In the committee amendment in line 9, I would strike the word "Once" and insert "After." That's all that I would have to say. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. You've heard the opening on FA1536 offered by Senator Chambers to the committee amendment. Open for discussion. Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. I just simply wanted to ask Senator Friend a question.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Friend.

SENATOR FRIEND: Yes.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: And I...don't answer, Senator Friend, if you don't know the answer, but I was looking through this so I knew what I was voting on. Do you have in a brief, brief response as to what is being changed in these codes? I know it involves energy and those kinds of things, but are we changing our values? Just some examples, just something I can get my teeth into as to what actually...what is being tightened up, because I know it reflects on mortgages and those kinds of things, just so I have a feel of the bill. I don't really want to take a lot of time, but since Senator Chambers has all the amendments on it, I thought I might learn something here in the process.

SENATOR FRIEND: Sure, Senator Wehrbein. Thanks for the question. You've already touched on a piece of it. I mean it does have something to do with the R-values. Mostly what I dealt with and my experience studying it for the last couple of months was, we're talking about significant changes in insulation quality, the type of insulation used. We also, to a certain degree, are talking about air conditioning and furnace enhancements, things that probably not a whole lot of people are walking through a house giving a whole lot of thought to. And that's the high level answer and I can get more specific. But one of the concerns that we had run into is that certainly the way people insulate and the way that they drive for some of those efficiencies when it comes to energy was of a concern for